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The Honorable Rick Jones
Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee
P.O. Box 30014
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Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Chairman Jones and Members,

I am pleased to write today in support of the S-1 substitute of Senate Bill 59. This legislation will further the ability of law abiding citizens to exercise their rights to carry a concealed weapon.

Senator Green's office has been gracious in visiting our office in Pontiac and talking with our staff who work on these permits every day. We have seen a dramatic increase in CPL license requests in recent years but I am happy to report we have also been able to manage that increase in volume well. I am convinced we can handle any increase in requests that this legislation may cause.

I also want to thank Senator Green for working with my office to find some agreeable language to the S-1 substitute to ensure that County Clerks and Gun Boards are fully informed about applicants who may have been turned down by other counties. We believe this will be a protection against "Gun Board Shopping" where applicants keep applying until they find a county that will give them an approval.

Change is never easy and this will require a change in how we do business. However, this is also an opportunity to improve our services and provide assistance in dealing with backlogs of requests throughout the state. It is also an opportunity to provide better customer service by giving people who work in one county and live in another the chance to apply for a permit during normal work hours, when most clerk's offices are open.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if I can be of assistance in this or any other issue.

Warm Regards,

Bill Bullard Jr.
Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds